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REF: GIVAN-ADMIRAL DAVIES TELECON APRIL 8

1. U.S. DRAFT ENMOD TREATY AND DISCUSSION OF TREATY CONTAINED IN LETTER FROM U.S. PERMREP WAS CIRCULATED TO NATO MISSION APRIL 7 ENABLING DISARMAMENT EXPERTS TO CONSIDER THIS ITEM AT APRIL 9 SESSION.

2. BELGIUM, NETHERLANDS, FRG AND CANADA WERE ONLY DELEGATIONS WHICH GAVE REACTIONS. ALL BUT BELGIUM WELCOMED DRAFT THOUGH THERE WERE
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SOME CONCERNS WITH SPECIFIC PROVISIONS. BELGIUM QUESTIONED WISDOM OF FOCUSING ON "SCIENCE FICTION" TYPE ISSUES WHEN THERE ARE OTHER, MORE PRESSING ARMS CONTROL PROBLEMS WHICH RELATE TO LESS-ILL-DEFINED AREAS. IF WE DO ANYTHING, IT SHOULD BE LIMITED

TO TRYING TO CONTROL GEOPHYSICAL WAR. BELGIAN EXPERT SAID THAT WE RISK ENCOURAGING SOVIETS TO TAKE OTHER INITIATIVES IN THE UNGA OF THIS NATURE SIMPLY TO MAKE A SPLASH. NETHERLANDS ACKNOWLEDGED BELGIAN POINT WITH REGARD TO PRIORITY OF ENMOD BUT NEVERTHELESS WELCOMED U.S. DRAFT AS DID FRG AND CANADA. LATTER DELEGATION NOTED THAT LACK OF ANY OTHER FOCUS HAS BEEN PROBLEM IN CCD WITH SOVIET DRAFT ON TABLE. BOTH FRG AND NETHERLANDS THOUGHT THAT SOVIET EXCLUSIVE LIST WAS MORE SPECTACULAR AND SAID THAT U.S. DRAFT SHOULD HAVE SOME EXAMPLES. OTHER QUESTIONS RAISED ABOUT U.S. DRAFT INCLUDED DEFINITION OF ATMOSPHERE, ALLEGED WEAKNESS OF COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE AND ABSENCE OF WITHDRAWAL CLAUSE.

3. U.S. SPOKESMAN (GIVAN) DEALT WITH QUESTIONS ON BASIS OF GUIDANCE PROVIDED. HE NOTED THAT WE APPRECIATED COMMENTS ON DRAFT BUT WERE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN KNOWING REACTION OF ALLIED COUNTRIES TO TENTATIVE PLAN TO TABLE US ENMOD DRAFT IN CCD AS COUNTER TO SOVIET DRAFT. NO OBJECTIONS TO TABLING WERE EXPRESSED BY EXPERTS.

4. OTHER ITEMS ON DISARMAMENT EXPERTS AGENDA WILL BE TRANSMITTED SEPTTEL.BRUC

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